

examination was limited to the general view of the buildings, and of such portion of the economy and police of the establishment, as the lessee thought proper to present, and which did not extend to the inspection of the books, (if any,) of the hospital, nor to the condition of those who were confined in the lunatic asylum.

The present number of the patients in the hospital is reported to be fifty-six, twenty-six of whom are sick and infirm seamen, supported by the United States at the rate of fifty cents each per day; six from several counties of the state placed there by the levy courts, at one hundred dollars for each per annum; and the remainder are patients in the lunatic asylum, at different stipends, according to the means of the parties, or their relatives and friends.

The improvements, consisting of a large central building and two wings, all necessary out offices, ice-house, &c. are extensive, substantially constructed, and well enclosed by a brick wall, and the ground within the enclosure, turf with gravel walks, and shrubbery, a garden, formerly attached to the institution, appears to have been neglected or abandoned. The cost of these improvements, it is said, has largely exceeded one hundred thousand dollars.

All which is respectfully submitted.

By order, James H. Milbourne, Com. Clk.

Which was read, and, with the accompanying documents and papers, referred to the standing committee appointed by this house, on the 30th day of December last, (agreeably to an order adopted on the 28th for that purpose,) on so much of the executive communication made on the 27th, as relates to the penitentiary.

Bills of the following titles, were this day severally reported, to wit:

By Mr. Barnes, An act to provide for the making the several turnpike roads, and for the extension of the charters of the several banks therein mentioned.

By Mr. Buchanan, A further supplement to the act, entitled, An act for the benefit of the University of Maryland, passed at December session 1816, chapter 78; and,

By Mr. Wright, A supplement to the act, entitled, An act to ascertain the allowance to sheriffs for performing the duties required of them respecting elections, passed December session 1813, chapter 170.

Which said bills were severally read the first time, and ordered to lie on the table.

Several messages were this day received from the senate, by their clerk, returning the bills and resolutions sent from this house for concurrence, of the following titles, to wit:

An act incorporating the Master and Wardens of Clinton Lodge, number eighty-three, of Free and Accepted Masons, for the purposes therein mentioned.